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The Commission on Population and Development,

Welcoming the decision of the General Assembly[1] to convene, at the commencement of its sixtieth session, a high-level plenary meeting of the Assembly to undertake a comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[2] including the internationally agreed development goals and the global partnership required for their achievement, and of the progress made in the integrated and coordinated implementation, at the national, regional and international levels, of the outcomes and commitments of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields,

Welcoming also the decision of the General Assembly[3] to devote a high-level dialogue to international migration and development during its sixty-first session,

[1] See General Assembly resolution 58/291.
[2] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.
[3] See General Assembly resolutions 57/270 B, 58/190 and 58/208.

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Welcoming further the decision of the Economic and Social Council[4] to devote its high-level segment in 2005 to the topic "Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits",

Recalling General Assembly resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to and the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Reaffirming the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General[5] on the contribution of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development, in all its aspects, to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

Taking into account both the progress made so far in the follow-up and implementation of the Programme of Action and the challenges and obstacles ahead to achieving the goals and objectives set therein as well as in the other outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, including the United Nations Millennium Declaration,

Emphasizing the importance of the contribution of the implementation of the Programme of Action, in all its aspects, to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and that three of the four quantifiable goals contained in the Programme of Action, reducing maternal mortality, reducing infant and child mortality and ensuring universal access to primary education, are fully reflected in the Millennium Declaration,

Bearing in mind the report of the International Conference on Population and Development[6] and the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action, in their entirety,[7]

1. *Reaffirms* the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions for its further implementation;[8]

2. *Stresses* that the full implementation of the Programme of Action and the key actions for its further implementation[7] is an essential contribution to the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, and in this regard fully underscores the relevance of the Programme of Action and key actions to the review of progress made in fulfilling the commitments of the Millennium Declaration and the outcomes and commitments of major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields;

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[4] Economic and Social Council decision 2004/294.

[5] E/CN.9/2005/6.

[6] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18).

[7] General Assembly resolution S-21/2, annex.

[8] *Report of the International Conference on Population and Development, Cairo, 5-13 September 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.95.XIII.18), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of integrating the goal of universal access to reproductive health by 2015 set at the International Conference on Population and Development into strategies to attain the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, in particular those related to improving maternal health, reducing infant and child mortality, promoting gender equality, combating HIV/AIDS, eradicating poverty and achieving universal access to primary education;

4. *Also emphasizes* the need to strengthen policy and programme linkages and coordination between HIV/AIDS and sexual and reproductive health and their inclusion in national development plans, including poverty reduction strategies where they exist and sector-wide approaches where they exist, as a necessary strategy to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic and to mitigate its impact on populations, which could result in more relevant and cost-effective interventions with greater impact;

5. *Further emphasizes* the importance of closer attention in policy dialogue and policy development to the interrelations between population structure and trends, including population ageing, and poverty and development;

6. *Urges* Member States and the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to strengthen international cooperation in the area of international migration and development in order to address the root causes of migration, especially those related to poverty, and to maximize the benefit of migration for those concerned;

7. *Stresses* that promoting women's reproductive health, their full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, their empowerment, their equal access to resources and freedom from gender based violence is essential to achieving gender equality, addressing the feminization of poverty and halving poverty by 2015;

8. *Welcomes* the increase in both domestic expenditures and international donor assistance for the achievement of the goals of the International Conference on Population and Development;

9. *Recognizes* that the effective implementation of the Programme of Action requires an increased commitment of financial resources, both domestically and externally, and in this context calls upon developed countries to complement the national financial efforts of developing countries related to population and development and to intensify their efforts to transfer new and additional resources to the developing countries, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Programme of Action, in order to ensure that population and development objectives and goals are met;

10. *Encourages* Governments, international organizations, including those of the United Nations system, international financial institutions and other relevant stakeholders to assist the developing countries and countries with economies in transition in implementing the Programme of Action through technical assistance and capacity-building activities in order to accelerate implementation of the Programme of Action;

11. *Calls* for the allocation of adequate resources to all areas of the Programme of Action, including the costed package.